

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kristi Bruther, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

None were offered.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the December 1, 2014 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all matters under old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-13 Authorizing the Issuance of the City of Franklin, Indiana Economic Development Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2014 (The Franklin United Methodist Home, Inc. Project), and to Loan the Proceeds Thereof to the Franklin United Methodist Home, Inc. and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions In Respect Thereto - Mayor McGuinness read by title only. Mr. Richard Starkey, representative from Barnes and Thornburg, appeared before the Council. He explained that there is no monetary obligation to the City. Councilor Austin stated that the Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public comments. No one from the public asked to speak. The public comments were closed. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-17 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for Parks 200 Supplies in the amount of \$3,000.00 & Parks 300 Services in the amount of \$27,000.00 - Mayor McGuinness read by title only. Parks Superintendent Orner appeared to answer questions. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public comments. No one from

the public requested to speak. The public comments were closed. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No. : 14-18 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for Fire Department 300 Services in the amount of \$7,000.00 - Mayor McGuinness read by title only. Fire Chief Henderson appeared to answer questions. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public comments. No one from the public requested to speak. The public comments were closed. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 14-17 A Resolution to Support the Submission of the Coalition Application for EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Funding - Mayor McGuinness read by title only. Community Development Director Linke appeared before the Council to discuss this application. Ms. Linke explained that the Greenwood Mayor approached her in regard to applying for this grant as a community grant. There is no match required. The grant if funded would include four sites for Greenwood, two for Whiteland and two for Franklin. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Anti-Nepotism - Annual Certifications by Elected Officials - Hiring & Supervision

City Attorney presented the annual Anti-Nepotism Certifications to be signed pursuant to Resolution No.: 12-13 of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana: A Resolution Complying With Anti-Nepotism Law, by elected officials as to hiring and supervision decisions. The certifications were signed by each and submitted by the following elected officials:

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| Mayor Joseph McGuinness | Council President Stephen Barnett |
| Council Vice-President Kenneth Austin | Councilor Joseph Abban |
| Councilor Robert Henderson | Councilor Richard L. Wertz |
| Councilor Stephen Hougland | Councilor Joseph R. Ault |

Anti Nepotism - Annual Certifications by Elected Officials - Contracting With a Unit - City

Attorney presented the Anti-Nepotism Annual Certifications to be signed pursuant to Resolution No.: 12-13 of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana: A Resolution Complying With Anti-Nepotism Law, by elected officials regarding contracting with the unit. The certifications were signed and submitted by the following elected officials:

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| Mayor Joseph McGuinness | Council President Stephen Barnett |
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Council Vice-President Kenneth Austin

Councilor Joseph Abban

Councilor Robert Henderson

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Council Comments

Councilor Wertz announced that there will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting tomorrow morning December 16, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

Councilor Henderson recognized the efforts put forth by members of all city departments for their efforts on the downtown holiday lighting.

Councilor Austin commented that there would be a Chamber of Commerce Open House at 120 E. Jefferson on December 16, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 12/30/14

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer